

PHIL BOYER President Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Phil Boyer became the third full-time president in the 60-year history of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on January 1, 1991.

A long-time broadcasting executive and general aviation advocate, Boyer is a 5,500-hour instrument- and multienginerated pilot who has been flying for more than 32 years, 14 of those as an aircraft owner.

Boyer was previously Senior Vice President-Development for Capital Cities/ABC Video Enterprises, Inc. There, he explored new business opportunities in communications technologies and coordinated ABC's international business activities. Boyer also created ABC's "Wide World of Flying" quarterly subscription-based video magazine.

Among several top executive posts at ABC, he held vice president and general manager positions at flagship ABC television stations WABC-TV in New York and WLS-TV in Chicago. Boyer's broadcasting career began at his Portland, Oregon home, where a small basement radio station eventually became the campus radio station of Lewis and Clark College.

Boyer earned a degree in communications from Sacramento State University, stayed on there as an associate professor of communications, and later became program director and station manager for KCRA-TV in Sacramento.

The recipient of numerous broadcasting awards, Boyer has served as president of a major broadcasters association. In aviation, he was chapter president of the American Bonanza Society and president of the Sacramento Valley Pilots Association. He has been honored by the Federal Aviation Administration for his "save" of a fellow pilot in distress and has flown the Atlantic twice in a general aviation aircraft.

On February 13, 1992, Boyer was elected president of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations, which represents 51 national AOPA organizations and 400,000+ pilots around the world.

With his unique background in aviation, communications, associations and business management, Phil Boyer is uniquely qualified to lead the 355,000-member AOPA into the next century in service to America's 616,000 pilots and aircraft owners.